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CAMPAIGN IN CANTON AND OUTLYING AREAS

1. USLO OFFICER RETURNING TO CHINA FEBRUARY 26 AFTER THREE-MONTH ABSENCE FOUND ATTITUDES OF CHINESE OFFICIALS AND SERVICE PERSONNEL UNCHANGED DURING DAY-LONG RAIL/AIR JOURNEY FROM HONG KONG TO PEKING. DESPITE RECENT PRESS REPORTS OF HARDENING CHINESE ATTITUDES TOWARD FOREIGNERS, ALMOST ALL CHINESE ENCOUNTERED WERE POLITE, FRIENDLY AND HELPFUL. THEY GAVE NO SIGN OF INCREASED TENSION OR WARINESS OF FOREIGNERS.

2. BIG CHARACTER POSTERS AND WALL SLOGANS RELATING TO THE CURRENT ANTI-LIN, ANTI-CONFUCIUS MOVEMENT WERE IN EVIDENCE IN EVERY TOWN FROM THE PRC BORDER AT SHUMCHUN TO CANTON. THESE WERE NEITHER PROMINENT NOR NUMEROUS, HOWEVER, AND OFTEN SEEMED POSTED IN RATHER DESULTORY FASHION. QUITE A FEW WERE ALREADY TORN OR DAMAGED BY THE ELEMENTS. NO POSTERS COULD BE SEEN IN SCHOOLYARDS, FACTORIES OR COURT-YARDS VISIBLE FROM THE TRAIN. (A CANADIAN DIPLOMAT WHO TRAVELED BY RAIL FROM PEKING TO CANTON FEBRUARY 22 GAINED A SIMILAR IMPRESSION ALONG THAT RAIL LINE EXCEPT FOR WUHAN. THERE, HE SAID, HANKOW STATION "WAS PLASTERED
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WITH WALL POSTERS.")

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2. IN CANTON, BIG AND SMALL CHARACTER POSTERS WERE STRUNG THROUGHOUT THE CITY STREETS AND COULD BE SEEN HANGING INSIDE STORES AND OTHER BUILDINGS. STILL, THE CITY'S ATMOSPHERE SEEMED RELAXED, AND THE POSTERS WERE NEAT AND ORDERLY. ONE, NEAR THE RAILROAD STATION, STRESSED PARTY PRIMACY IN CONDUCTING THE CAMPAIGN AND CALLED ON READERS TO "CRITICIZE LIN, CRITICIZE CONFUCIUS, (AND) THOROUGHLY CARRY OUT THE PARTY'S EDUCATION IN THE LINE."

3. ASKED ABOUT THE CURRENT CAMPAIGN, THE OFFICER'S CHINA TRAVEL SERVICE CANTON GUIDE SEEMED HAPPY TO PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION TO A FOREIGNER. COMMENTING THAT THE CAMPAIGN "HAD NOT YET BEGUN" WHEN THE OFFICER LEFT CHINA IN EARLY DECEMBER, THE GUIDE EXPLAINED AT LENGTH "WHY WHEN WE CRITICISE LIN WE MUST ALSO CRITICIZE CONFUCIUS." (BECAUSE LIN WANTED TO RESTORE CAPITALISM IN CHINA AND THEREBY OPPOSED TRANSITION TO A NEW HISTORICAL ERA, AS CONFUCIUS HAD IN OPPOSING THE FEUDAL SYSTEM.) THE GUIDE WAS INTERESTED TO KNOW IF THE CAMPAIGN HAD BEEN REPORTED IN THE FOREIGN PRESS. JENKINS

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